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Compiled in conjunction with the Texas Sesquicentennial celebration, this bibliography is designed to aid librarians in selecting reference materials related to Texas history, culture, and geography. The needs of small and medium-sized libraries have received special attention, but the bibliography would also be useful to large libraries and those in academic settings. Annotations are provided for the 88 titles listed, and 33 more are mentioned in annotations or notes. The bibliography is divided into the 10 major subject areas: (1) General; (2) Bibliographies and Checklists; (3) Indexes; (4) Biography; (5) Language; (6) Geography; (7) Travel; (8) Folk Music; (9) History and Archeology; and (10) Natural Science. Items are arranged alphabetically by title within each category. A directory of publishers and a author/title index conclude the document. (KM)

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PREFACE

The Texas Sesquicentennial celebration in 1986 impells this effort to help librarians to select reference materials on the State's history, culture, and geography. The needs of small and medium-sized public libraries have received special attention, but the scope should be broad enough to assist large libraries and those in school and academic settings. Eighty-eight titles are annotated, and 33 more are mentioned in annotations or notes.

In most citations, titles listed conform to the conventional definition of a reference work: a volume compiled specifically to provide information on a subject in a format which facilitates ease in use. Exceptions, however, have been made (and usually are noted in the annotation), where monographs or pamphlets focus on special topics not covered in reference-type sources. Cited works falling in this category may be placed in the reference collection or held for circulation. Any book, of course, which serves a reference function with any degree of regularity should be in the reference collection, even if it means duplicating the title in the main holdings.

Only in-print materials are included. For each item, standard bibliographic elements are listed: title, author(s) or editor(s), publisher, date, number of pages, price, and ISBN. Price and ISBN for paperback editions also appear, if the work is available in both formats. Since many titles offered by small, local publishers may not be available through jobbers, a directory of publishers is provided at the end of the text. One-source items, such as those available from a government agency or the author only, cite the address as part of the bibliographic entry. Only those works actually examined by the compiler are recommended, though some which are unavailable are mentioned in an annotation or a separate note.

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T GENERAL

- T1. Book of Texas Lists. By Anne Dingus. Austin: Texas Monthly Press, 1982. \$6.95 pa. 0-932012-41-8

This work is useful for trivia. It lists, in the style of the list craze of the late 1970's, such information as Real Names of Famous Texans, Major Movies Made in Texas, Threatened Species Native to Texas, Movies About the Alamo. The arrangement is topical -- sports, crime and law, flora and fauna. Lack of an index further limits the work's reference value.

- T2. Handbook of Texas. Ed. by Walter Prescott Webb and H. Bailey Carroll. Austin: Texas State Historical Association, 1952. 2 vols. \$55. 0-87611-013-8 Supplement, called Vol. 3, ed. by Eldon Stephen Branda. 1977. \$35. 0-87611-027-8; \$75./3 vol. set. Available from Texas State Historical Association, 21306 Richardson Hall, University Station, Austin, TX 78712.

This unique work, essential in even the smallest library, provides historical, economic, and cultural information about Texas and contains biographical data on deceased Texans. Designed as a ready-reference tool, the entries vary in length from a few lines to several pages. A six-volume revision, now in progress, is scheduled for publication in 1995.

- T3. Texas Almanac and State Industrial Guide. Dallas: A.H. Belo Corp.; dist. by the Dallas Morning News, 1857 to date. Biennial. 1984-85 ed., \$12.95. 0-914511-00-9; \$8.95 pa. 0-914511-06-7

Texas Almanac is the first place to look for answers to factual questions about Texas. The 1984-85 is the 52nd edition of this essential work, which is divided into twelve sections covering all aspects of Texas history, culture, economy, and environment. The volume contains over 700 pages of tables, charts, lists chronologies, and discussions on business and industry, agriculture, education, recreation, sports, science, politics, government, and much more. Black-and-white illustrations and maps--state, county, thematic--are numerous. An index concludes the volume. Be sure to buy the new edition which will come out in 1986.

- T4. Texas Fact Book 1984. By Joseph E. Pluta, Rita J. Wright, and Mildred C. Anderson. Austin: Bureau of Business Research, University of Texas at Austin, 1983. 229p. \$6.00 pa. 0-87755-282-7

This irregularly published work (the prior publication was 1982) provides a statistical profile of Texas. Tables, charts, and essays cover the recent past and current data on agriculture, cost of housing, income, and much more. A roster of the councils of government, with addresses, telephone numbers, and a listing of 124 informational publications, conclude the volume.

- T5. Texas Garden of Trivia: (With an Occasional Smidgen of Significance). By June Rayfield Welch. Irving: G.L.A. Press, 1984. 200p. \$7.95 pa. 0-912854-15-4

Questions and answers are in separate sections in this insignificant (by the compilers own admission) volume. There are questions on firsts, best, longest, biggest, slogans, nicknames, good guys, bad guys, and much more. If one wishes to know when Houston last had a white Christmas, whether Nacogdoches is older than El Paso, or the identity of Mr. Sam, the answer is here. The volume lacks an index; chapter headings and browsing are the only means of access.

- T6. Texas Vital Statistics. Austin: Texas Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, 1982. Available from the Texas Department of Health, 1100 W. 49th St., Austin, TX 78756.

Based on provisional population estimates published by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, this guide provides vital statistics (birth, death, marriage, and divorce) for selected years. Years of coverage for one topic may be different for the year's covered for other topics. Most cover 1948 to present.

TA BIBLIOGRAPHIES AND CHECKLISTS

- TA1. Basic Texas Books: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works for a Research Library. By John H. Jenkins. Austin: Jenkins Publishing Co., 1983. 648p. \$65. 0-8363-0171-4

This handsome volume critically examines the 224 Texas books which the author believes are essential to any Texana collection. For each item Jenkins provides bibliographic data on every known printing, a discussion of his own appraisal of the work and that of others, background of the author and information about the writing of the book, the strengths and weaknesses of the text, occasional quotes from the work, and citations to other bibliographic references. Within the essays about 1,000 additional books are discussed. A checklist of 219 bibliographies related to Texas and an author/title index conclude the volume. This distinguished work is intended for libraries with special (and substantial) Texana collections, but during the Sesquicentennial every library will find it useful.

- TA2. Fifty Best Books on Texas. By A.C. Green. Dallas: Pressworks Publishing, 1981. 90p. \$14.95. 0-939722-16-X; \$9.95 pa. 0-939722-14-3

A.C. Green, well-known Texas writer and speaker, has chosen what he considers the 50 best books in which Texas is the main subject or chief setting. A one-page critique evaluates each entry, and a reprint of the title page illustrates many of the essays. This handsome volume is an excellent guide for collection development and reader guidance.

- TA3. First Printings of Texas Authors. Comp. by Cameron Northouse, with additional entries by David Grossblatt. Dallas Pressworks Publishing, 1982. 95p. \$50. 0-939722-04-6

Handsomely designed and beautifully printed, this volume records all known publications of an elite group of Texas authors. The compiler chose the 53 authors, all of whom are living except Preston Smith. Arrangement is alphabetical -- Max Apple through Bryan Woolley. Works of each author are chronologically arranged by publication dates, with full bibliographic data and reproduction of several title pages. It should be noted that all books were written by Texas authors and are not necessarily about Texas.

- TA4. Guide to Life and Literature of the Southwest: Revised and Enlarged in Both Knowledge and Wisdom. By J. Frank Dobie. Dallas: SMU Press, 1952. 230p. \$10. 0-87074-036-9 \$5 pa. 0-87074-037-7

No Texas library should be without this classic work. It is a summation of Dobie's legendary course in southwestern literature at the University of Texas at Austin. It is useful both for collection development and for reader guidance.

- TA5. J. Evetts Haley and the Passing of the Old West: A Bibliography of His Writings, with a Collection of Essays upon His Character, Genius, Personality, Skills, and Accomplishments. Comp. and ed. by Chandler A. Robinson. Austin: Jenkins Pub. Co., 1978. 239p. \$12.50.

Historian, rancher, and political activist, J. Evetts Haley has produced numerous works on Texas and the Southwest. He is best known for The XIT Ranch of Texas and the Early Days of the Llano Estacado; Charles Goodnight, Cowman and Plainsman; Jeff Milton, A Good Man with a Gun; and Fort Concho and the Texas Frontier. The bibliography lists these and other books, pamphlets, and articles. Included, too, are 15 essays about Haley by well-known contributors; e.g., Carl Hertzog, Al Lowman, Joe B. Frantz, and Savoie Lottinville.

- TA6. Lone Stars and State Gazettes: Texas Newspapers before the Civil War. By Marilyn M. Sibley. College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 1983. 408p. \$21. 0-89096-127-1

Due to this tome's copious checklist of Texas newspapers from annexation to the Civil War (more than 70 pages), it is treated here as a reference work. For each newspaper, the citation provides brief data -- dates, frequency, editor(s), motto, and location of extant copies; e.g., Texas State Library, University of Texas at Austin, Rosenberg Library, Yale University Library. The text chronicles the newspapers, their publishers and/or editors, all of which is valuable historical information.

- TA7. Reading for Young People: The Southwest. By Elva A. Harmon and Anna L. Milligan. Chicago: American Library Association, 1982. 256p. \$15 pa. 0-8389-0362-2

Those serving children and young adults will find this excellent guide useful. Historical and contemporary fiction, folklore, poetry, drama, music, biography and personal accounts, and other information-type publications are listed. Selection is based on general literary quality and accuracy of information. Each entry contains brief bibliographic data, a short descriptive annotation, and a general guide to grade level. A list of books by states and an index conclude the volume.

- TA8. Texas Bibliography: A Manual on History Research Materials. Ed. and comp. by Gilberto Rafael Cruz and James Arthur Irby. Austin: Eakin Press, 1983. 337p. \$15.95. 0-89015-307-8

An extensive bibliography of 6,364 items (books, M.A. thesis, doctoral dissertations), this work is arranged in 20 chapters by type of material (journals, magazines), historical period (Spanish years, Texas Republic), or topic (Texas Rangers, Frontier & Pioneer Life). Entries are not annotated. The appendix includes a useful list of historical societies and museums with addresses. Indexing is by author. Only large Texana collections will require this work.

- TA9. Texas Local History: A Source Book for Available Town and County Histories, Local Memoirs, and Genealogical Records. Compiled by Tom Nunnerlyn. Austin: Eakin Press, 1983. 112p. \$9.95. (Available from Tom Nunnerlyn, 2202 Colgate Lane, Austin, TX 78723)

Most publications listed (all of which are available for sale), are published by local historical or genealogical organizations or individuals. Section 1 lists town and county histories, arranged alphabetically by place. Section 2 contains state and regional studies, arranged by type or topic -- General Reference, Biography, Industry, etc. Source names and addresses comprise Section 3. The last section provides names and addresses of book shops and dealers for those searching for out-of-print studies.

- TA10. Texas Reference Sources: A Selective Guide. A project of the Reference Round Table, Texas Library Association. Austin, Texas Library Association, 1978. 164p. \$8. Supplement, 1984. 119p. \$6. Available from Texas Library Association, 3355 Bee Caves Rd., Suite 603, Austin, TX 78746.

This important bibliographic tool which lists and annotates some 1300 sources in the main volume and about 900 in the supplement, is a standard work which should be held by every general library in the state.

- TA11. Texas State Documents. Austin: Texas State Publications Clearinghouse, Texas State Library, 1963 to date. Monthly. Free. Request from Texas State Library, Room 307, P.O. Box 12927, Austin, TX 78711.

All Texas libraries should receive this comprehensive checklist of state publications. It is a current-awareness tool, reference source, and acquisition aid. Monographs, annuals, and series are listed in the checklist; periodicals are listed in the annual Texas State Documents Periodicals Supplement. Documents are sent to each of the 50 depository libraries located throughout the state. They also are available for purchase on microfiche from the Clearinghouse or on loan from the Public Services Department, Texas State Library, Room 300, P.O. Box 12927, Austin, TX 78711. Many publications related to the Sesquicentennial celebration will be published during 1986. Request that your library be placed on the mailing list to receive this free checklist.

- TA12. Texas Sources: A Bibliography. Comp. by Rita J. Wright and Stanley A. Arbingast. New ed. Austin: Bureau of Business Research, University of Texas at Austin, 1976. 67p. (Bibliographic Series, no. 17) \$4. pa. 0-87755-256-8

Essential for the areas of business and economics, this work lists and briefly annotates 450 items, most of which are federal, state, and local government documents. Works are arranged in 27 categories from agriculture to water. There is no index.

TB INDEXES

- TB1. Index to the Trail Drivers of Texas. Comp. by W.M. Von-Maszewski and Metthew E. Von-Maszewski. Pasadena, TX: Tortuga Press, 1985. \$89.95. (Available from 2222 Cherry Lane, Pasadena, TX 77502.)

The Misters Von-Maszewski compiled this index to some 10,000 names and topics contained in the Trail Drivers of Texas 1,117 pages. This worthwhile index also includes an introductory essay on the period and wood engravings from an 1874 Harper's Magazine article on the cattle trade. The Trail Drivers of Texas is the best source available on the men (and some women) who drove cattle up the trails from Texas to northern markets in the late 1880's. Begun in 1917 as a compilation of recollections of members of the Old Time Trail Drivers Association, great difficulties attended the project. Newspaperman J. Marvin Hunter renewed the project in 1920 and pushed it through to completion later that year. The work was enlarged in 1924, and in 1925 reissued by Cokesbury. The University of Texas Press has reprinted this famous work (\$27.50 0-292-78076-1), an essential holding for Texana collections.

- TB2. Red River Index. Norman, Okla.: Andrew Peters, 1981 to date. Irregular. Available from P.O. Box 1535, Norman, OK 73070. Write for price information.

This subject/author index to general interest periodicals published in Texas and Oklahoma covers a number of titles which are not indexed elsewhere. Of the 49 indexed in the 1984 edition, 30 bear Texas imprints -- Austin Homes & Gardens, East Texas Historical Review, Houston, Southwestern Naturalist, etc. No issue has appeared in more than a year. Continuation of this useful index should be encouraged.

- TB3. Subject Index to Texas Historian and Junior Historian, 1962-1982. Comp. and ed. by Zella Lewis and Middle School Librarians in Tyler Independent School District. Tyler I.S.D., 1983. 100p. \$10. Available from Professional Library, Tyler I.S.D., P.O. Box 2035, Tyler, TX 75710.

Those libraries containing the periodical Junior Historian, later named Texas Historian, will require this useful index. The arrangement is alphabetical by 43 topics, Anglo American Colonization to Women's Rights. Subject headings are relevant to topics in current textbooks used in Texas history, government, and geography courses. References provide author, title, date, and page.

TC BIOGRAPHY

- TC1. Artists of the American West: A Biographical Dictionary. Ed. by Doris Ostrander Dawdy. Chicago: Sage Books, The Swallow Press, 1974-1984. 3 vols. v.1 \$8. 0-8040-0607-5; v.2 \$10. 0-8040-0352-1; v.3 \$29.95. 0-8040-0851-5. Available from Ohio State University Press.

Artists born before 1900 who worked in the 17 western states comprise the entries in these volumes. Hundreds are listed -- 1,300-1,500 in each volume. Many receive only a few lines, others are described in a paragraph or more. Some references cite standard biographical dictionaries; e.g., Who's Who in America. Since the work covers the entire west, only a small percentage (about 10 percent) of the artists are Texans. Among those included, however, are many who are obscure and not treated elsewhere. Artists and Illustrators of the Old West by Robert Taft (Princeton University Press, 1982. 400p. \$38.; \$14.50 pa.), which was not examined by the compiler, also may be useful.

- TC2. Black Leaders: Texans for Their Times. Ed. by Alwyn Barr and Robert A. Calvert. College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 1981. 248p. \$18.95. 0-87611-055-3; \$8.95 pa. 0-87611-056-1

This work, essentially a collection of monographic essays, is treated here as a biographical reference source, since material about these black leaders is difficult to locate. The 16-30 page essays, each by a different authority, cover: Dave, a rebellious slave; William Goyens, free Negro born in 1794; Matt Gaines, Reconstruction politician; William M. McDonald, business and fraternal leader; Mary Branch and W.R. Banks, college educators; Herman Marion Sweatt, Civil Rights plaintiff; and John Biggers, artist. Extensive bibliographic notes and an index complete this volume.

- TC3. Debrett's Texas Peerage. By Hugh Best. N.Y.: Coward McCann, 1983. 385p. \$25. 0-698-11244-X

Debrett's, the highly regarded chronicler of Britain's titled nobility, has turned its attention to the "royalty" of Texas: heroes of the Texas Revolution and the more recent Marcuses and Murchisons of Dallas, the Basses of Fort Worth, pianist Van Cliburn, artist Tom Lea, and many more. About 3,000 past and present notables are mentioned, some with family genealogies, and many with stories of their dramatic accomplishments. A 20-page index called "Texas Family Names" provides access to the entries.

- TC4. Encyclopedia of Frontier and Western Fiction. Ed. by Jon Tuska and Vicki Piekarski. N.Y.: McGraw-Hill Pub. Co., 1983. 365p. \$29.95. 0-07-065587-1

This work, of course, contains essays about many authors whose writings have nothing to do with Texas; nonetheless, it is useful partly because it includes entries on such famous Texas writers as J. Frank Dobie, Tom Lea, and Larry McMurtry, but primarily due to its coverage of lesser known authors: Dorothy Scarbrough, Loula Grace Erdman, Elmer Kelton, Benjamin Franklin Capps, Elmer Bennett, Mollie Evelyn Davis, etc. Most of the alphabetically arranged sketches are 1-2 pages and are accompanied by a portrait or photograph. Another work on western writers was not examined by this compiler: Fifty Western Writers: A Bio-Bibliographical Sourcebook. (Greenwood Press, 1982. 562p. \$45.)

- TC5. Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters. By Bill O'Neal. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1979. 386p. \$25.95. 0-8061-1508-4

Gunfighters are defined as persons who were involved in at least two verifiable gunfights between 1854 and 1924. The 255 men included -- law officers, detectives, buffalo hunters, army scouts, rustlers, thieves, or hired killers -- are treated in alphabetically arranged articles from one to six pages in length. Information includes: nicknames and aliases, dates, occupation, a biography, a paragraph on the gunfight, and references to further information. Indexing is to persons, places, and subjects. This work is of special interest to local libraries, since 172 of the gunfights took place in Texas.

- TC6. Finder's Guide to the Texas Women: A Celebration of History Exhibit Archives. Ed. by Ruthe Winegarten. Denton: Texas Woman's University, 1984. 318p. Available from TWU.

"Texas Women: A Celebration of History" exhibition, a project of the Texas Foundation for Women's Resources, Austin, is now permanently housed at the Texas Woman's University Library. The more than 20,000 items in the 600 biographical and 400 topical files created during the research stage of the project, all housed there, soon will be open to researchers. This index to the files provides access via names, ethnicity, profession and other topics, and chronological periods. It also includes biographical sketches for each woman.

- TC7. First Ladies of Texas: The First One Hundred Years, 1836-1936: A History. By Mary Farrell and Elizabeth Silverthorne. Belton, TX: Stillhouse Hollow Pub., 1976. 427p. \$15. 0-9602272-1-0

There were 31 Texas First Ladies between 1836-1936. All are included, in a chronological arrangement, plus eight others who served from 1936-1975. Pen-and-ink sketches and portraits illustrate the 8-16 page biographical essays. A general bibliography and a separate bibliography of manuscript and published material for each First Lady support the text.

- TC8. The First Polish Americans: Silesian Settlements in Texas. By T. Lindsay Baker. College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 1979. 288p. \$16.95. 0-89096-060-7

This work is a carefully researched monograph; nonetheless, it can serve as a reference tool to obtain biographical material on early Polish leaders in Texas -- clergy, members of St. Adalberts Society, colonizers, and many others. (Most arrived between 1854 and 1857.) There is a 24-page bibliography and an index to topics, locations, and names of individuals.

- TC9. Legendary Ladies of Texas. Ed. by Francis E. Abernethy. Texas Folklore Society Publication No. 43. Dallas: E-Heart Press, 1981. 224p. \$12.95. 0-935014-02-0

The 28 chapters, each by a different author, treat the famous and the infamous -- Emily Morgan (the Yellow Rose of Texas), the heroine of the Texas Revolution; Belle Starr, the "Bandit Queen of Dallas;" the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders. All are Texas women whose deeds have impelled the public to seek biographical information about them. Found also in this volume are sketches of singer Janis Joplin, gun moll Bonnie Parker, athlete Babe Didrickson Zaharias, sculptress Elizabeth Ney, ranch owner Electra Waggoner Briggs, and even the lady who stands atop the dome of the Texas State Capitol.

- TC10. Legendary Texans. By Joe Tom Davis. 2 vols. Austin: Eakin Press, 1982. v.1, 144p. \$9.95. 0-89015-336-1; v.2, 154p. \$10.95. 0-89015-473-2

The lives and times of eight renowned Texans are covered in Volume I -- Jane Long, Deaf Smith, David G. Burnet, William Barrett Travis, Charles Goodnight, Shanghai Pierce, Bigfoot Wallace, and John Meusebach. The eight chapters in Volume II cover Brit Bailey and Strap Buckner, Josiah Wilbarger, Pamela Mann, Gail Borden, Quanah and Cynthia Ann Parker, L.H. McNelly, Judge Roy Bean, and John Wesley Hardin. Photographs, bibliographies, and indexes enhance the value of both volumes.

- TC11. The Texas Governor. By June Rayfield Welch. Dallas: G.L.A. Press, 1977. 198p. \$17.95. 0-912854-09-X

This volume focuses on the five presidents of the Republic of Texas and 41 governors -- from James Pickney Henderson, the first governor, through Dolph Briscoe, inaugurated in 1973. For each, it provides a 1-3 page biographical sketch, which gives principal facts about that person's life and significant historical events of his/her administration. There is also a full-page portrait or photograph of each and additional candid shots of some. The work concludes with a bibliography of books and other materials on Texas politics.

- TC12. The Texas Senator. By June Rayfield Welch. Dallas: G.L.A. Press, 1978. 179p. \$13.95. 0-912854-10-3

This work focuses on Senators from T.J. Rusk and Sam Houston to Lloyd Bentsen and John Tower. In addition to the Senators, it includes Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives (1940-1947, 1949-1953, 1955-1961), and John Nance Garner, Vice-President during the first two Roosevelt administrations. Welch devotes a 2-4 page essay to each individual and provides a full-page portrait or photograph.

- TC13. Women in Texas: Their Lives, Their Experiences, Their Accomplishments. By Ann Fears Crawford and Crystal Sasse Ragsdale. Austin: Eakin Press, 1982. 392p. \$24.95. 0-89015-305-1

This work focuses on thirty 19th and 20th century Texas women who have contributed to the life and legends of Texas. The biographies, which average 10 pages, range from Miriam A. Ferguson, the first female governor elected to that office, to Barbara Jordon, the first black woman to sit in the Texas Senate and to represent her state in the U.S. Congress, and Mary Austin Holly, the first woman to write a history of her adopted state, to sculptress Elizabeth Ney. Among others included are German aristocrat Rosa von Roeder Kleberg, who came to Texas as a bride in the 19th century, Irma Rangel, first Texas Chicana in the Texas legislature, and Sara Hughes, who made judicial history in Dallas. A portrait and a bibliography is provided for each biographee. Indexing is by name and place.

Note: An additional work not examined, but which may have reference value is: 100 Women of the Rio Grande Valley of Texas, by The Rio Grande Writers (Eakin Press, 1983. 220p. \$14.95. 0-89015-399-X). It is reported to be a salute to contemporary women who range in age from the early 20's to past 90, each active in her field.

TD LANGUAGE

- TD1. Regional Dictionary of Chicano Slang. By Librado Keno Vasquez and Maria Enriqueta Vasquez. Austin: Jenkins Pub. Co., 1975. 111p. \$8.95.

This regional dictionary does not contain a complete vocabulary list, but serves as a guide to hundreds of words used in "Tex-Mex," "Calo," "Pachuquismo," "Cali-Mex," and other variants used by Spanish-speaking people in the Southwest. Arranged in dictionary format, it has sections on phrases, folk medicine, folk songs, pronunciation and a bibliography. Indexed.

TE GEOGRAPHY

- TE1. Atlas of Texas. By Stanley A. Arbingast et al. Austin: Bureau of Business Research, University of Texas at Austin, 1976. 179p. \$29.95. 0-87755-261-4

This extensive and colorful atlas is essential in most Texas libraries. It includes maps on a wide variety of economic, cultural, and historical topics -- climate, transportation, education, recreation, agriculture, mining, manufacturing, and population. Examples of maps include ones for major hurricanes 1854-1970, railroad lines for specific dates (1860, 1881, 1907), frontier forts, cattle trails, population origins, and populations by county for decades 1920-1960. There is no index, but the table of contents provides very useful access to data.

- TE2. Cities and Towns of Texas. Prepared by the Texas State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Transportation Planning Division, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, 1985. 164p. \$3.50. Available from Texas State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, P.O. Box 15064, Austin, TX 78763.

For the 254 counties, this work lists all cities, towns, villages, and communities, plus abandoned railroad stations and rural cemeteries. Symbols indicate county seats, the existence of a post office or a rural station of another post office, and railroad stations (with number). Population figures for incorporated places reflect the 1980 Census. Spellings are based on information furnished by the U.S. Geological Survey Topographic Maps, U.S. Board of Geographic Names, U.S. Postal Service, Texas Distance Tariff SWFB 6409-A, and City/County authorities. It also cites the incorporated cities of Texas, their populations with county names and Highway Districts. Lakes and reservoirs -- with surface acres, normal acre-feet, and streams on which located -- are listed under each county.

- TE3. The Encyclopedia of Texas Ghost Towns. By Ed Bartholomew. Fort Davis, TX: Ed Bartholomew, 1982. 111p. Available from author, Fort Davis, TX 79734.

Alphabetically arranged from Ables to Zybach, this volume lists ghost towns, some 1,800 in all. Information varies from a sentence to a paragraph in length. County and location always is given; some entries include the year established, a brief history, and what is there now.

- TE4. The Explorers' Texas: The Land and the Water. By Del Weniger.
Austin: Eakin Press, 1984. 222p. \$24.95. 0-89015-454-6

This volume is a study of Texas natural history beginning with the first explorers and ending in 1860. Reports of over 300 observers cover more than 10,000 references to flora, fauna, and the landscape. Part 1, on the land, is divided into plains, forests, deserts, beaches, Hill Country, Big Thicket, and Galveston Island. Part 2, on waters, covers springs and rivers. Part 3 deals with destruction by torch, axe, and saw. Six full-color reproductions of early paintings and numerous sketches illustrate the work, which also is indexed.

- TE5. 1001 Texas Place Names. By Fred Tarpley. Sketches by Sally Blakemore.
Austin: University of Texas Press, 1980. 236p. \$6.95 pa.
0-292-76016-7

The place names cite geographical spots with unusual names -- cities and towns, crossroads communities, rivers and creeks, mountains and valleys, oil fields, landstrips, parks, and cemeteries. Place names are alphabetically arranged and include all or some of the following: county, pronunciation, a short narrative about name origin(s) and other interesting data, post office history, population, elevation, and whether incorporated. The names have evolved from a wide variety of sources: people, geographic features, literature, mythology, events, company names, blends, backward spellings, and many others. One finds Dime Box, Cut and Shoot, Swampoodle, Snook, and Starvation Creek, plus 996 more. The Index of Counties lists place names located within each.

- TE6. "Texas Multi-Purpose Map." Norman, OK: Maps Inc., 1983. \$1.95.
Available from P.O. Box 5240, Norman, OK 73070.

This clear and colorful map of Texas locates places of interest throughout the state -- parks, museums, historic cemeteries, ruins, forts, observatories, caves, caverns, and historic sites. On the map's borders are notes of places of interest in cities. On the back and sides of the map are lists of festivals and rodeos, Texas museums arranged by locations, lakes, hiking trails, canoe areas, and sources of free information. Another feature is a question and answer section, "Most Asked Questions About Texas."

TE7. Texas State and County Maps.

State and county maps are available from the Texas State Department of Highways and Public Transportation. The State map shows all Interstate, U.S., State, and Farm-to-Market Roads which are maintained, under construction, or planned. County lines and names, cities, towns, villages, national parks, major streams and railroads also are shown. The 3' x 3' map in a scale of 1" = 22 miles is \$2.

County maps come in three sizes: Full-Scale (either 1" = 1 mile or 1" = 2 miles), 36" x 50", \$2.; Half-Scale (either 1" = 2 miles or 1" = 4 miles), 18" x 25", \$.50; Quarter-Scale (either 1" = 4 miles or 1" = 8 miles), 10" x 14", \$.35.

County maps are essentially road maps, showing all public roads at the time of the field inventory. Maps also show all bridges 20 feet or more in length, major drainage, railroads, cities and towns, and many other features of local importance.

Maps must be prepaid and require up to six weeks for delivery. Order from State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Attention: File D-10, P.O. Box 5051, West Austin Station, Austin, TX 78763.

A bound volume, County Maps of Texas, also is available. Write for information on cost.

TE8. Wording Your Way Through Texas. By Herman F. Benthul. Austin: Eakin Press, 1981. 241p. \$8.95 pa. 0-89015-335-3

This volume, an anthology of articles written for Texas Magazine, a Sunday supplement to the Houston Chronicle, explains the origin and meaning of colorful Texas names. Each of the six sections ends with a summary of names mentioned in the text. Since there is no index, the summaries provide the only access to a specific name.

Note: A Guide to Texas Lakes: Including the Brazos, Colorado, Frio, and Guadalupe Rivers, by Carlton Bailes and Danny L. Hudson (Houston: Pacesetter Press, 1982. 212p. \$7.95 pa. 8-88415-416-5) was not examined but is included, since there appears to be no other such work.

TF TRAVEL

- TF1. Backroads of Texas. By Ed Syers. Houston: Lone Star Books, 1979.
156p. \$9.95 pa. 0-88415-053-4

Texas history, culture, people, and places come to life in this useful volume. Sixty-two tours are arranged in five regions. For each tour, a small map of the route indicates points of interest. The author provides lively discussions of each location, mileage from one point to the next, altitude and population of each town. There are numerous black-and-white photographs and an index by place names and topics.

- TF2. Camper's Guide to Texas Parks, Lakes, and Forests: Where to Go and How to Get There. By Mildred J. Little. 2nd ed. Houston: Lone Star Books, 1983. 150p. \$9.95. 0-88415-096-8

This useful guide highlights maps showing campsites, recreation areas, trails, and other facilities of interest to campers.

- TF3. Fodor's Texas 1985. N.Y.: McKay, 1983. 468p. \$9.95. 0-340-32217-9

The first section includes chapters on topics such as history, culture, country music, Texas food and drink. The main section is arranged by cities or regions (Big Thicket, South Padre Island, Northwest Texas and the Panhandle). For each, there is practical information, hotel/motel listings usually arranged by cost, events by month, shopping, and other useful data. Indexed.

- TF4. A Guide to Historic Texas Inns and Hotels. By Ann Ruff. Houston: Lone Star Books, 1982. 108p. \$9.95 pa. 0-88415-361-4

Grouped geographically, this volume discusses 46 historic inns and hotels. Most still have accommodations for guests -- the Driskill in Austin, Excelsior House in Jefferson, The Faust in New Braunfels. Others are now restaurants -- Nutt House in Granbury, Redlands in Palestine, Stagecoach Inn in Salado -- or are museums -- Annie Riggs Hotel in Fort Stockton and Orient Hotel in Pecos. Some have limited accommodations -- Gage House in Marathon has 19 rooms but only seven baths -- while others are large -- the St. Anthony in San Antonio has 400 rooms, all with baths. For each there is a 1-2 page history and description, plus address, telephone number, the number of rooms with rates, and other basic data. Pen-and-ink drawings illustrate each hotel or inn and there are numerous black-and-white photographs. Indexed.

- TF5. Hiking and Backpacking Trails of Texas. By Mildred J. Little. 2d ed. Houston: Lone Star Books, 1985. 148p. \$9.95 pa. 0-88415-378-9

For those interested in hiking and backpacking, this guide is one of the best available. Maps show routes, facilities, distances, and points of interest along the way.

- TF6. Houston: Your Complete Guide to Texas' Largest City. By John C. Davenport. Completely new 4th ed. Austin: Texas Monthly Press, 1985. 288p. \$9.95 pa. 0-932012-80-9

Guide to restaurants, amusements, services, clubs, hotels, shops, annual events, and many other points of interest. Other titles in the Texas Monthly Guidebook Series include: Austin, Hill Country, San Antonio, Texas Parks and Campgrounds (West), and Texas Parks and Campgrounds (East).

- TF7. Ray Millers' Texas Parks: A History and Guide. Houston: Cordovan Press, 1984. 232p. \$13.95 pa. 0-89123-046-7

Arranged by region, this guide provides 1-2 page descriptions for each park, directions to its location, entrance fee, and addresses for obtaining more information by mail or telephone. There are 15 pages of full-color photographs and an index. Cordovan Press also publishes Ray Miller's Galveston (280p. 1983. \$19.95. 0-89123-032-7); and Ray Miller's Houston (248p. \$19.95. 0-89123-025-4; \$12.95 pa. 0-89123-049-1), which the compiler did not examine.

- TF8. Texas: The Newest, the Biggest, and Most Complete Guide to All of Texas. By Patricia Sharpe and Robert S. Weddle. Austin: Texas Monthly Press, 1982. 724p. \$11.95 pa. 0-932012-25-6

Vacationers and weekend trippers alike should find this volume useful. For each of eight geographic areas, it cites information about cities and towns, villages and crossroads and provides detailed coverage of 19 major cities -- everything from hotels, motels, and restaurants to shopping, sports, and entertainment for children. Places of interest along mapped routes throughout the region are described.

- TF9. Texas Bed & Breakfast. By Ann Ruff, Gail Drago, and Marjie Mugno. Austin: Texas Monthly Press, 1983. 256p. \$9.95. 0-87719-020-8

Arranged alphabetically by city within regions, this guide describes 130 bed-and-breakfast arrangements in 42 Texas cities.

- TF10. Texas - Family Style. By Ruth N. Wolverton. Houston: Lone Star Books, 1981. 120p. \$9.95 pa. 0-88415-280-0

Written especially for parents who travel with children ages 3 to 18, this useful travel guide covers a wide variety of places to go and things to do. The arrangement is by five regions with tours of an area, half-day or full-day excursions from a city, or trip along a specific highway or to a special location. The volume is filled with humor and common sense ideas for making travel a joy for children and their parents. In addition to a discussion of each site, there are frequent black-and-white photographs. Indexed.

Note: Another work not examined but presumed to be of equal value to the author's other works is Historic Sites in Texas by June R. Welch (Irving: G.L.A. Press, 1974. 196p. \$17.95. 0-912854-03-0).

Monuments and Museums

- F11. Amazing Texas Monuments and Museums: From the Enchanting to the Bizarre. By Ann Ruff. Houston: Lone Star Books, 1984. 104p. \$9.95. 0-88415-074-7

Whether one is interested in the location of Big Tex, Cadillac Ranch, the Armstrong Browning Library, or the statue of Buddy Holly, this volume will provide the answer. These and 133 additional monuments and museums are located and described in this volume. When appropriate there is a telephone number, hours and days of opening, and admission cost. For many there are black-and-white photographs. The index refers to names of institutions and individuals as well as locations.

- TF12. Texas Museums: A Guidebook. By Paula E. Tyler and Ron Tyler. Austin: University of Texas at Austin, 1984. 313p. \$8.95 pa. 0-292-78063-X

This directory describes more than 500 Texas museums. Arranged by city, each entry includes address and telephone number, information about what one may expect to see, hours and dates when open, admission costs, and inhouse restaurants and gift shops. There are numerous photographs, interior and exterior, and of paintings and other objects d'art. This delightful and attractive volume is a worthy addition to any library collection.

Fairs and Festivals

- TF13. Texas Finest Fairs and Festivals. By Ann Ruff. Houston: Lone Star Books, 1986. 112p. \$9.95 pa. 0-88415-863-2

The publisher reports that this volume, which will be published in January 1986, includes 52 fairs and festivals -- Bob Wills Day in Turkey, Texas, Wurstfest in New Braunfels, Doan's Reunion on the Red River, the Rattlesnake Roundup in Sweetwater, the fun run in Muenster, the Confederate Air Force Show in Harlingen, and the Huntsville Prison Rodeo.

TG FOLK MUSIC

- TG1. Songs of the Cattle Trails and Cow Camp. By John A. Lomax. Great Neck, N.Y.: Granger Book Co., 1979. \$16.50. 0-89609-160-0

This volume, published in 1919 and only recently reprinted, attempts to translate the life of the cowboy into song. Lomax, an authority on the topic, collected his material through interviews, western newspapers, and collections of western verse. Included are such ballads as "Legend of Boastful Bill," "The Drunken Desperado," "When Bob Got Thrown," and "The Cowboys' Christmas Ball." Since the volume lacks an index, the table of contents must be used to locate a particular song. Authorship for each of the 51 ballads, if known, is provided.

- TG2. Texas Folk Songs. By William A. Owens. Musical transcriptions by Jessie Ann Owens. 2d ed., rev. and enl. Dallas: SMU Press, 1976. 190p. \$15. 0-87074-157-8

In 1941 the University of Texas at Austin established a library of recordings of Texas folk music and appointed Owens as researcher. He traveled the state, recording a wide range of folksongs. This volume, an extensive revision of a 1950 edition, contains the lyrics and music of 135 songs, some with more than one version. Songs are arranged in nine chapters by type -- ballads, love songs, comic songs, children's game songs -- and indexed by title and first line. The musical transcriptions of melodies are from the original recordings.

- TG3. Singin' Texas. By Francis E. Abernethy. Dallas: E-Heart Press, 1983. 208p. \$29.95. 0-935014-07-1; \$19.95 pa. 0-935014-04-7; both include a 60-minute cassette tape of selected songs. Cassette alone, \$6.98.

This useful collection of 92 folk songs includes cowboy, hero, outlaw, religious folk, children's songs, and much more. The author spent many years collecting Texas' best-known songs of sorrow, hardship, joy, and celebration. The lavishly illustrated volume comes with a 60-minute cassette tape.

TH HISTORY AND ARCHEOLOGY

- TH1. The Alamo and Other Texas Missions to Remember. By Nancy Haston Foster. Houston: Lone Star Books, 1984. 88p. \$8.95 pa. 0-88415-033-X

The nine missions still standing and the sites of others are the subject of this volume. For each mission or site, the location, hours, and cost (if any) introduce a discussion of the missions' popularity, history, architecture and restoration, exhibits, grounds, archeological digs of the area, special days of celebration and annual events, plus other useful information. Black-and-white photographs and floor plans depict each mission. Indexed.

- TH2. The Chronology of Texas History Through 1920. By Donald W. Whisenhunt. Austin: Eakin Press, 1982. 175p. \$12.95. 0-89015-302-7

The compiler of this useful chronology searched the distinguished three-volume Handbook of Texas for significant dates in Texas history. Events are listed by year (more recent ones by month and by date) for the period 900-1920. Dates from biographical entries are omitted except for the most outstanding historic figures. Indexed.

- TH3. The Encyclopedia of Southern History. Ed. by David C. Roller and Robert W. Twyman. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1979. 1491p. \$75. 0-8071-0575-9

This comprehensive and authoritative work, compiled over a period of some 12 years, is useful for information on Texas as well as on other area states. The articles by 1,130 contributors are on all aspects of history and biography.

- TH4. Historical Atlas of Texas. By William C. Pool. Maps by Edward Triggs and Lance Wren. Austin: Encino Press, 1974. 216p. \$20. 0-88426-033-X

Nearly 100 maps demonstrate the relationship of the state's history to its geography from pre-Spanish days to the 1970's. The maps locate Indian tribes, European settlements, frontier forts, railroads, oil deposits, etc. and depict the Texas Revolution, the Republic of Texas, the Civil War, and numerous other important periods and events.

- TH5. Old Texas Trails. By J.W. Williams. Ed. by Kenneth F. Neighbours.
Austin: Eakin Press, 1979. 447p. \$19.95. 0-89015-232-2

The author of this scholarly tome spent a lifetime researching the old Texas trails for the period 1716-1886. Each of the 17 chapters discusses a specific route or road; e.g., "The Route of Cabeza De Vaca," "Van Dorn Trail," "Ramon's Route to San Antonio," "Butterfield Overland Mail Road." Each chapter, copiously documented, includes a map, and a foldout map at the end contains all trails covered. Sixty black-and-white photographs illustrate the volume, which concludes with an extensive bibliography and index.

- TH6. The Presidents of the Republic of Texas: Chronology, Documents, Bibliography. Ed. by George Lankevich. Presidential Chronology Series. Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.: Oceana Press, 1979. 230p. \$15.
0-379-12085-2

For each president of the Republic of Texas, the first section presents a chronology which includes major events of his administration. The second section contains 25 major documents of the period; e.g., Texas Declaration of Independence, Houston's Report of the Battle of San Jacinto, and The Black Bean Lottery. A bibliography and index conclude the volume.

- TH7. The Texians and the Texans Series. San Antonio: The University of Texas Institute of Texas Cultures at San Antonio. 15 pamphlets.
\$3.50 ea.; \$42.50/set.

This collection of pamphlets, which vary from 26 to 32 pages, though not reference material, serve a valuable information function in Texas libraries, large or small. They provide biographical data on prominent figures, explain how and why individual ethnic groups came to Texas, and describe the major settlements and significant contributions of each culture. The 15 pamphlets include: The Afro-American Texans, The Anglo-American Texans, The Belgian Texans, The Chinese Texans, The Czech Texans, The French Texans, The Greek Texans, The Indian Texans, The Italian Texans, The Jewish Texans, The Mexican Texans, Los Tejanos Mexicanos (in Spanish), The Norwegian Texans, The Spanish Texans, and The Swiss Texans.

Longer works also published by the Institute of Texas Cultures with similar reference value include: The English Texans by Thomas W. Cutrer (write for price information); The Japanese Texans by Tom Walls (write for price information); The Danish Texans by John L. Davis (122p. \$9.95. 0-86701-010-X; \$6.95 pa. 0-933164-57-2); The German Texans by Glen E. Lich (240p. \$11.95. 0-933164-84-X; \$7.95 pa. 0-933164-85-8); The Irish Texans by John Brendan Flannery (174p. \$11.95. 0-933164-33-5; \$7.95 pa. 0-933164-58-0); The Polish Texans by T. Lindsay Baker (120p. \$8.95. 0-933164-98-X; \$5.95 pa. 0-933164-99-8); and The Windish Texans by Sylvia Ann Grider (120p. \$8.95. 0-86701-000-2; \$5.95. 0-86701-001-0).

- TH8. Why Stop? By Claude and Betty Dooley. 2d. ed. Houston: Gulf Publishing Co., 1985. \$14.95 pa. 0-88415-922-1

The publisher reports that this new edition, to be published in October 1985, will record the complete inscriptions on 3000 Texas roadside historical markers. The first edition, published in 1978, has been a popular guide for Texas history buffs.

Artifacts

- TH9. A Field Guide to Stone Artifacts of Texas Indians. By Ellen Sue Turner and Thomas R. Hester. Illus. by Kathy Roemer. Austin: Texas Montly Press, 1985. 308p. \$11.95 pa. 0-87719-007-0

This extensive identification guide to projectile points (arrowheads) and other stone tools used by prehistoric Texas Indians is an outstanding reference book which is useful to beginners as well as serious amateurs and professionals. It serves as an update and expansion of a class work, An Introductory Handbook of Texas Archeology (Texas Archeological Research Laboratory, 1954). Several chapters discuss use and manufacture of tools and provide a chronology of archeological sequences in prehistoric Texas. In the sections on projectile points, hundreds of arrowheads, arranged alphabetically by name, are described and illustrated. Geographic distributions, dates, sites where found, and references to articles about the type also are given. The appendix includes a directory of archeological societies in Texas, sources of illustrations, and a key to county symbols for site designations in Texas. The volume concludes with a 35-page bibliography.

Churches

- TH10. Historic Churches of Texas: The Land and the People. by Frank A. Driskill and Noel Grisham. Austin: Eakin Press, 1980. 336p. \$16.95. 0-89015-267-5

This volume narrates the historical evolution of various sects and portrays the founders of early churches. Seven sections, each on a different denomination, include historical essays or early churches. Another section focuses on ethnic churches, arranged alphabetically from Czechs to Wends. There also are pictures with captions of churches with unusual features, e.g., Veneirs Kirche (community church) in Fredricksburg, built in 1847. Indexing is by proper names, churches, and location.

Colleges

- TH11. The Colleges of Texas. By June Rayfield Welch. Irving: G.L.A. Press, 1981. 250p. \$18.95. 0-912854-11-1

For each of 67 Texas colleges and universities, this work provides current and historical photographs and a two-page historical essay. It concludes with an eight-page bibliography and index.

Windmills

- TH12. A Field Guide to American Windmills. By T. Lindsay Baker. Foreword by Donald E. Green. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1984. 516p. \$65. 8-8061-1901-2

Due to widespread use of windmills throughout Texas, the inclusion of this extensive study seems appropriate. A 112-page history is followed by a 226-page identification section. For each windmill, Baker provides a detailed pen-and-ink drawing and a 1-2 page description giving historical information, specifications, and other data. The appendix also contains useful information -- a list of known manufacturers with locations, dates, and model names; a list of windmill models with names of makers, dates, and descriptions, both alphabetically arranged. The volume concludes with a 44-page bibliography and an extensive index.

TJ NATURAL SCIENCE

Grasses

- TJ1. The Grasses of Texas. By Frank W. Gould. College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 1975. 672p. \$27.50. 0-89096-005-4

This major handbook covers the 523 species of grass found in the state. A botanical description, Latin and common names, a detailed physical description, distribution, flowering period, and occasional warnings of ill effects on livestock are provided for each species. A glossary of terms and an index of plant names conclude the volume. Plants of the Texas Shore: A Beachcomber's Guide. Mary Michael Cannatella and Rita Emigh Arnold, drawings by Suzanne Gillespie Daugherty (Texas A&M University Press, 1985. 78p. \$5.95 pa. 0-89096-214-6) was not examined by this compiler.

Wildflowers

- TJ2. Roadside Flowers of Texas. By Howard S. Irwin. Paintings by Mary Motz Wills. Austin: University of Texas Press, 1975. Reprint of 1961 ed. \$10.95 pa. 0-292-77009-X

This classic work provides a pictorial record of 257 species of the state's most common wildflowers. The text gives range and distribution for each flower, lists common names, and provides descriptive features. The plates, selected from more than 2,000 watercolors painted by Mary Willis, were chosen by botanists. Indexes by common and scientific names refer to both text and plate.

- TJ3. Texas Wildflowers: A Field Guide. By Campbell Loughmiller and Lynn Loughmiller. Lynn Sherrod, Tech. Ed. Forward by Lady Bird Johnson. Austin: University of Texas Press, 1984. \$19.95. 0-292-78059-1; \$10.95 pa. 0-292-78060-5

Every Texas library should hold this beautiful book, a field guide to over 300 species of Texas wildflowers, illustrated by 381 color photographs. Arranged alphabetically by 73 families, the descriptions include locations where found and months of blooming. Indexed.

- TJ4. Wild Flowers in the Big Thicket, East Texas, and Western Louisiana. By Geyata Ajilvsgi. College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 1979. 448p. (W.L. Moody, Jr., Natural History Series, no. 4). \$17.50. 0-89096-064-X; \$9.95 pa. 0-89096-064-X

Employing a unique plant association arrangement, this work is a useful volume for the Texas area. There is a complete botanical description for each plant, plus economic use, rarity, and other interesting information. There are 475 color and 80 black-and-white illustrations. South Texas Wildflowers by Hal Ham, illustrations by Martha Bruce (Kingsville: Texas A&I University Press, 1984. 71p. \$5.95 pa. 0-916983-00-5) was not examined by this compiler. It is reported to contain 29 color plates of area wildflowers.

Trees, Shrubs, and Vines

- TJ5. Trees of Central Texas. By Robert A. Vines. Austin: University of Texas Press, 1984. 424p. \$10.95 pa. 0-292-78058-3

The Central Texas Region is identified as the Edwards Plateau, bordered by the Balcones Escarpment on the south and east, the Pecos River on the west, and the Texas Plains and the Llano Uplift on the north. This book provides full descriptions of 186 species of tree life which grow in that region, with illustrations.

- TJ6. Trees of East Texas. By Robert A. Vines. Austin: University of Texas Press, 1977. 556p. \$10.95 pa. 0-292-78017-6

This field guide depicts the native and naturalized trees of the Upper Gulf Coast Prairie, the Post Oak Savannah, and the Pineywoods of East Texas. In addition to comprehensive descriptions of each tree, there are fascinating notes on arboreal history and lore.

- TJ7. Trees of North Texas. By Robert A. Vines. Austin: University of Texas Press, 1982. 486p. \$10.95 pa. 0-292-78019-2

Native and naturalized trees of the North Texas region (Blackland Prairies, Cross Timbers, Rolling and High Plains) are described and illustrated in this comprehensive volume.

- TJ8. Trees, Shrubs and Woody Vines of the Southwest. By Robert A. Vines.
Austin: University of Texas Press, 1960. 1,116p. \$47.50.
0-292-73414-X

The standard work on the subject, this volume provides descriptions of 1,231 species of woody plants (trees, shrubs, and vines) found in Texas and adjacent states. The comprehensive text is supported by 1,240 illustrations.

Cacti

- TJ9. Cacti of Texas and Neighboring States: A Field Guide. By Del Weniger.
Austin: University of Texas Press, 1984. 366p. \$24.95.
0-292-71085-2; \$14.95 pa. 0-292-71063-1

Descriptions and full-color photographs of almost 200 forms of cacti found in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana are included in this field guide. A typical entry gives scientific and common name, and describes stems, areolas, spines, flowers, fruit, range, and remarks. Indexed.

Birds

- TJ10. The Bird Life of Texas. By Harry C. Oberholser. Ed. by Edgar B. Kincaid, Jr. Austin: University of Texas Press. 2 vols. \$100.
0-292-70711-8

This is an outstanding resource. A vast array of species are represented here in detailed studies. There are 36 bird paintings by L.A. Fuertes, a well-known nature artist. Supplementary material includes a list of scientific and common names, a list of birds wrongly attributed to Texas and a bibliography. Expensive, but worth it.

- TJ11. A Field Guide to Birds of the Big Bend. By Roland H. Wauer. Illus. by Nancy McGowan. Austin: Texas Monthly Press, 1985. 288p.
\$16.50. 0-87719-027-5; \$9.95 pa. 0-87719-010-0

This regional guide, which appeared in 1973, is now published in cooperation with the Big Bend Natural History Association. Wauer, a well-known Texas naturalist, describes the 425 species, 40 more than the earlier edition treats. Fifty pen-and-ink drawings illustrate the text.

- TJ12. Field Guide to the Birds of Texas and Adjacent States. By Roger Tory Peterson. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Pub., 1963. 304p. \$17.95. 0-395-08087-8

This field guide, by one of America's most famous ornithologists, covers 542 species of birds found in Texas. Arranged by species, there are detailed descriptions and numerous illustrations, including 13 pages of silhouettes and 60 plates, 36 of which are in color. Indexing is by both scientific and common names.

- TJ13. Texas Birds: Where They Are and How to Find Them. By Edward A. Kutac. Houston: Lone Star Books, 1982. 110p. \$9.95 pa. 0-88415-063-1

A location guide, this volume presents a key to finding 555 species. The locations are alphabetical within each region with a checklist of species to be found in the area. Maps direct the birdwatcher to the best viewing spots -- dirt roads, sewage ponds, cliffs, etc.

- Note: Birds of the Texas Coastal Bend: Abundance and Distribution by John H. Rappole and Gene W. Blacklock (Texas A&M University Press, 1985. 184p. W.L. Moody, Jr., Natural History Series, no. 7. \$19.50. 0-89096-221-9) was not examined but reports to be an important regional guide to birds.

Mammals

- TJ14. Mammals of Trans-Pecos Texas: Including Big Bend National Park and Guadalupe Mountains National Park. By David J. Schmidly. Illus. by Chester O. Martin. College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 1977. 240p. (W.L. Moody, Jr., Natural History Series, no. 4) \$12.50. 0-89096-035-6

This comprehensive handbook covers the 99 mammal species of these west Texas regions. The arrangement is taxonomical, providing a brief description with key identification features, detailed data on range and habitat, and notes on the biology, reproduction, behavior, and food habits of each. There are 79 maps. Texas Mammals East of the Balcones Fault Zone, by David J. Schmidly (Texas A&M University Press, 1983. 418p. W.L. Moody, Jr., Natural History Series, no. 6. \$19.95. 0-89096-158-1, \$12.95 pa. 0-89096-171-9) is a companion volume which provides a similar approach for mammals in the eastern section of Texas.

Fish

- TJ15. Fishes of the Gulf of Mexico: Texas, Louisiana, and Adjacent Waters.
By H. Dickson Hoese and Richard H. Moore. College Station: Texas
A&M University Press, 1977. 346p. (W.L. Moody, Jr., Natural
History Series, no. 1) \$18.95. 0-89096-027-5; \$9.95 pa.
0-89096-028-3

An identification guide to some 500 species of fish found in the Gulf of Mexico, this volume contains detailed descriptions and other information (importance, abundance, geographical range, etc.) about them. Over 600 photographs, almost half in full-color, illustrate the volume. The guide is designed for both amateurs and scientists.

Snakes

- TJ16. A Field Guide to Texas Snakes. By Alan Tennant. Austin: Texas
Monthly Press, 1984. 260p. \$19.95. 0-932012-97-3; \$12.95 pa.
0-87719-012-7

Arrangement of this excellent guide is by types of snakes -- blind, small burrowing, patchnose, coral, etc. For each snake information includes: a Texas map showing area where found, common and scientific names, determination of whether venomous or nonvenomous, as well as description, information on size, abundance, habitat, prey, reproduction, coloring, scale forms with illustrative drawings, similar snakes, and behavior. Thirty-three pages of full-color photographs illustrate the volume. Indexed.

Insects

- TJ17. Critters: Common Household and Garden Pests of Texas. By Bill Zak.
Dallas: Taylor Publishing Co., 1985. 256p. \$15.95.
0-87833-384-3

Although it was not examined, this work is included, since it is the only guide to Texas pests identified. The publisher reports that it is colorful and humorous, and that it provides identifications and methods of dealing with common pests of Texas. There are 500 full-page photographs.

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